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Alpha Omega® Elite

5-100 pounds (2.3-45.4 kg) 19-52 inches (48-132.1 cm)

KEEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE USE.
Read all instructions before using this child restraint.

⚠ WARNING:

Failure to follow the warnings on the labels and in the instruction manual can result in serious injury or death to your child.

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A-1 Thank You...

Thank you for choosing this car seat, referred to throughout this manual as a child restraint. The DJG family is committed to creating a child restraint with the most comfort and convenience available today.

Remember, parents are a child's first teachers and examples. If you always buckle your seat belt, your child will think it is the natural thing to do. Make it a firm rule that the vehicle does not go until everyone is buckled up. Make no exceptions.

No one can predict if use of a child restraint will prevent injury or death in a particular crash. However, combined with careful driving, proper use of a child restraint can lower a child's risk of injury or death in most crashes.

Your child's safety is worth the time it will take to read and follow these instructions. After reading, if you still have questions or have any problems with this child restraint, please contact our Consumer Relations Department at:

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.

Website:	www.djgusa.com
Fax:	1-800-207-8182
Mailing Address:	Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. P.O. Box 2609 Columbus, IN 47202-2609
Telephone:	1-800-544-1108 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. EST M-TH 7 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. EST FRI

On the back of the shell there is an expiration date for use of this child restraint. Do not use this seat after the expiration date.

Para recibir las instrucciones en español, llame al 1-800-544-1108 o solicitarse por escrito al dirección por arriba.

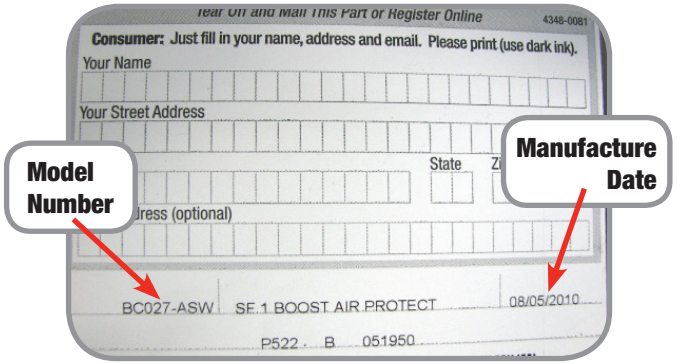
A-2 Registration and Safety Notices

Please complete the postage-paid registration card that came with your child restraint, and send it to us. Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address, email address if available, and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to:

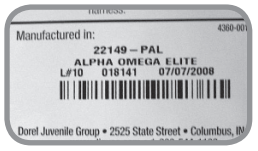
Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
PO Box 2609, Columbus, IN 47202-2609
Attn: Consumer Relations

or call 1-800-544-1108 or register online at **www.djgusa.com/registration/carseat/us.**

For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1–888–327–4236 (TTY: 1–800–424–9153), or go to http://www.NHTSA.gov



If you don't have the card or if your address changes, you will find the model number and manufactured date on the label located on side of plastic shell.



A-3 Understanding Your Child Restraint

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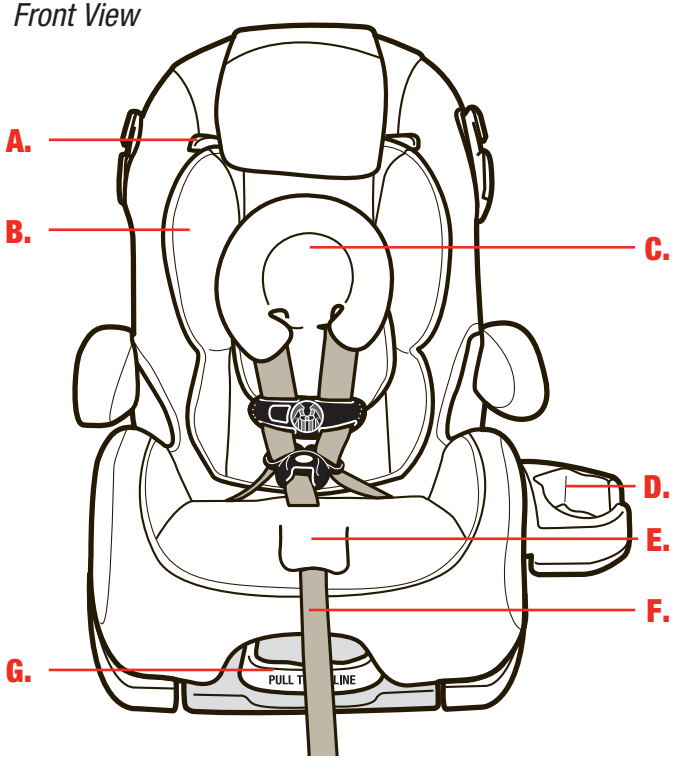

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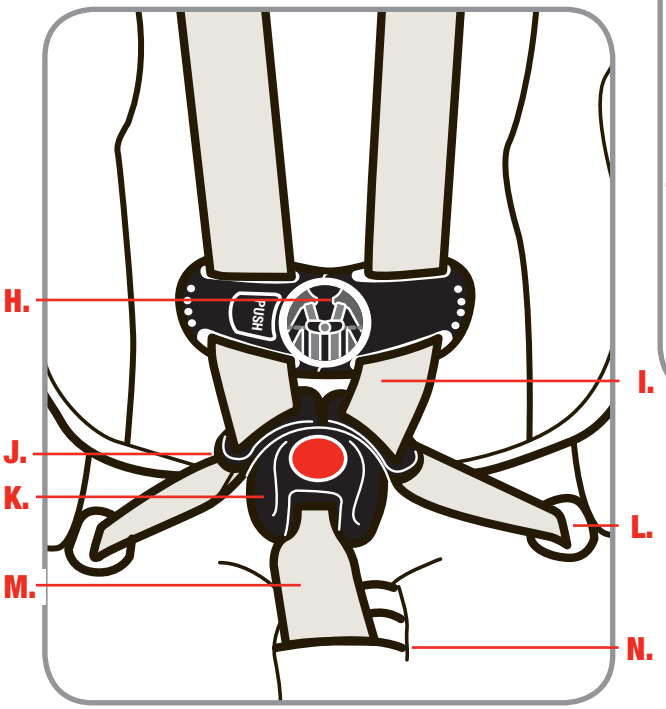

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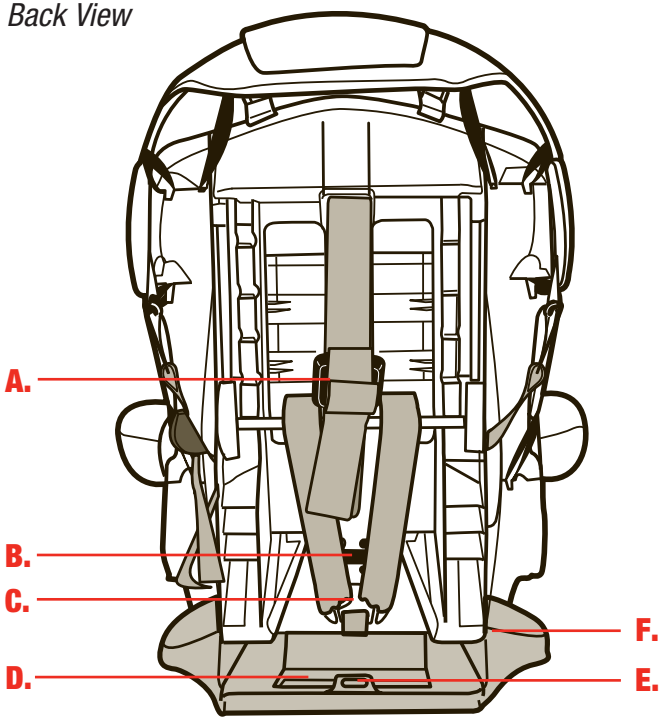

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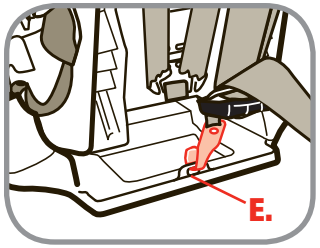

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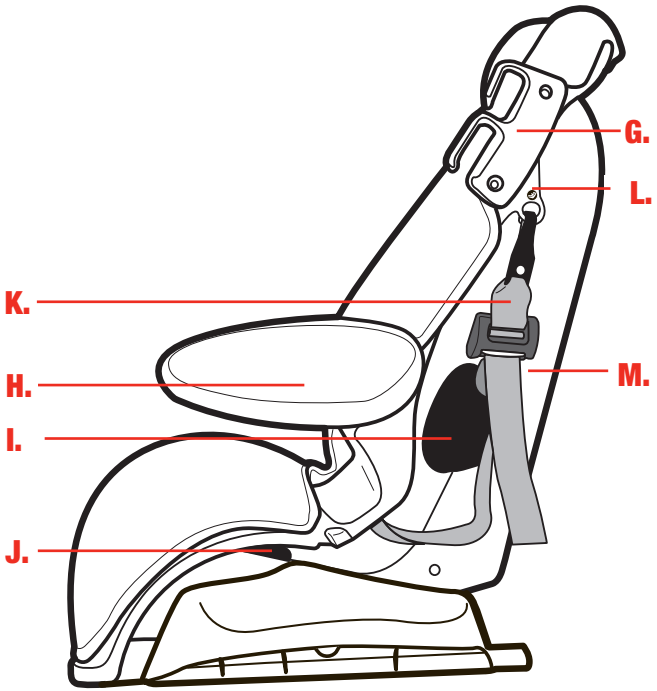

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⚠ WARNING:

Failure to follow these warnings can result in the serious injury or death of your child. To help you recognize instructions which are most critical to your child's safety, we use this symbol: ⚠

B-1 Vehicle Seating Position

⚠Never place a child rear-facing in a seating position with an active frontal airbag.

⚠Check the vehicle owner's manual for more information about air bag/child restraint use.

⚠For vehicles without a back seat, refer to your vehicle owner's manual.

B-2 Installation in Vehicle

⚠Check the vehicle belt or LATCH belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and securely.

⚠This child restraint should be securely belted in the vehicle even when not in use. In a crash or sudden stop, an unsecured child restraint could injure occupants.

⚠Do not use a child restraint that has been in a crash. You must get a new child restraint.

B-3 Child Restraint Use

⚠Never take your child out of the child restraint while the vehicle is moving. Never leave child unattended.

⚠Placing your child in a hot child restraint may result in burns.

⚠Do not use a child restraint with damaged or missing parts.

⚠Do not use cut, frayed or damaged harnesses.

⚠Do not lubricate buckles and fasteners.

⚠Do not substitute parts or try to modify the child restraint in any way.

⚠Do not use any car seat accessory except those approved by Dorel Juvenile Group.

⚠Never allow any child to play with this child restraint; it is not a toy.

⚠Do not remove or cover up any of the warning labels or other labels on the child restraint.

⚠Read all instructions for additional warnings.

C-1 Choose Position for Your Child

Your child's height, weight and age determine how your child restraint should be placed in the vehicle.

5-35 lbs (2.3-16 kg) and 19-36 in. (48-91 cm)

Rear-Facing using 5-point harness
Child and child restraint are placed in the back seat, facing the back of the vehicle.

22-50 lbs (10.1-22.6 kg) and 34-45 in. (85.1-114.3 cm) and Over 1 Year Old

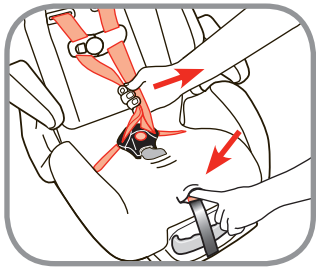
Forward-Facing using 5-point harness
Child and child restraint are placed in the back seat, facing the front of the vehicle.

40-100 lbs (18.1-45.4 kg) and 43-52 in. (110.1-132.1 cm) and Over 1 Year Old

Belt-positioning booster using vehicle lap/shoulder belt combination
Child and child restraint are placed in the back seat, facing the front of the vehicle. 5-point harness is removed.

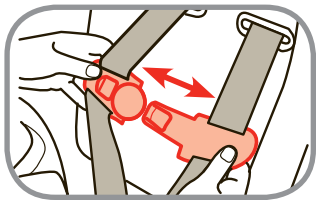
C-2 Preparing Child Restraint to Fit Your Child

You MUST make these adjustments with your child before you install the child restraint in the vehicle.



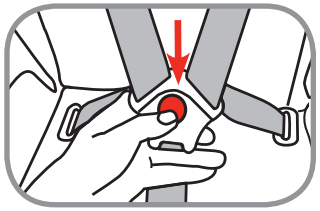
1. ***Loosen Harness***

Push down on the harness release lever (under flap on the front of child restraint) while pulling out on the harness straps just above the buckle.



2. ***Release Chest Clip***

Press on chest clip release button and pull apart.



3. ***Unbuckle Harness***

Press red button. Pull buckle tongues out. Place harness straps out of the way.

4. ***Place Child in Restraint***

Place the child's bottom and back flat against the restraint. This will increase comfort and allow the harness straps to be properly tightened.

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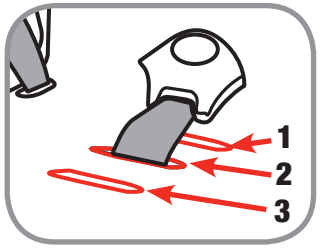
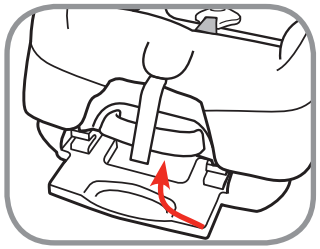


5. ***Check Buckle Position***

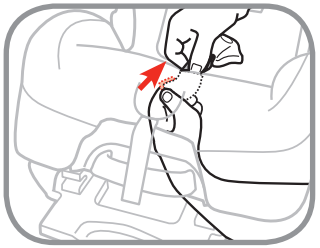
Determine which of the available buckle positions will be comfortable and provide a snug fit for your child.

You MUST use the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear-facing. Any slot can be used for forward-facing.



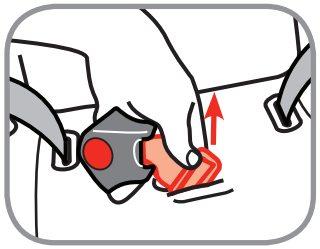
To Change Buckle Position

a. Fully recline the child restraint. Reach under the seat between base and shell.

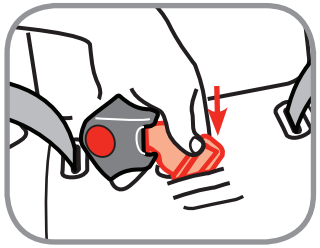


b. Locate buckle's metal retainer under the shell.

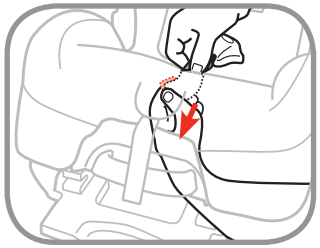
Rotate metal retainer, then insert retainer up through the shell and pad.



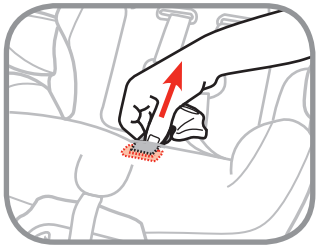
c. From the top, pull buckle free from shell and pad.



d. Reposition buckle location. Insert the buckle's metal retainer through the desired slot. Make sure buckle is facing forward.



e. Reach under seat between base and shell. Pull buckle's metal retainer **completely through pad and shell**.



f. Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured. **The buckle must not pull out.**

⚠ WARNING:

Failure to place buckle's metal retainer completely through pad and shell can result in serious injury or death.

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6. *Check Harness/Headrest Height*

With child in the seat, check the location of the harness guide.

Follow the guidelines below to determine the correct harness/headrest height.

Rear-Facing Position

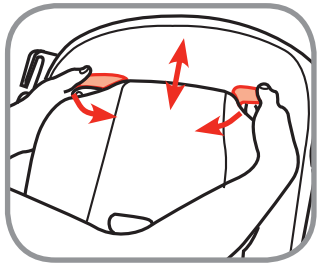
Harness guide must be **even with or just below** the shoulders.

If the harness is above the child's shoulders with the headrest in the lowest position, **do not** use this child restraint.

Forward-Facing Position

Harness guide must be **even with or just above** the shoulders.

If the harness guide is below the child's shoulders with the headrest in the highest position and the child weighs at least 40 lbs. (18.1 kg) and is over 1 year old, you must convert the seat to a belt-positioning booster.



7. *To Adjust Harness/ Headrest Height*

Loosen harness straps. Rotate headrest/harness height adjustment levers inward. Move headrest to the proper height and lock into place

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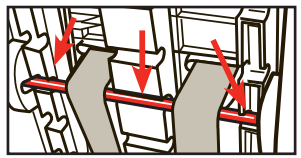


Make sure metal bar is locked into position. Failure to do this can result in serious injury or death.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use this child restraint rear-facing if the top of your child's head is above the top of the child restraint's headrest.

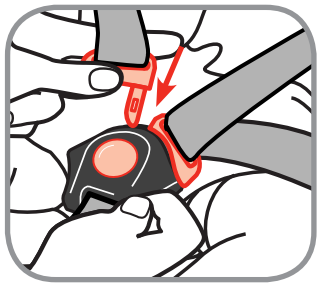
Do not use this child restraint forward-facing if the midpoint of your child's head is above the top of the child restraint's headrest.

Make sure the harness height is correct for your child's size.

Failure to follow these steps can result in serious injury or death.

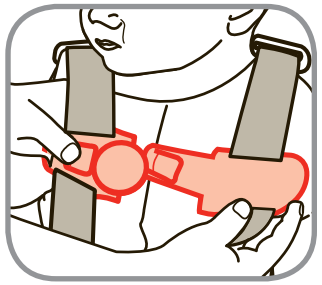
C-3 Securing Child in Child Restraint

1. ***Position Harness Straps Over the Child's Shoulders.***



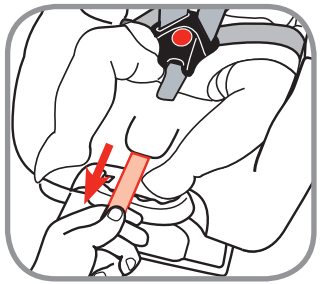
2. ***Buckle Harness***

Push each buckle tongue into buckle until you hear a "click". Remember to always pull up on harness straps to make sure buckle is locked.



3. ***Close Chest Clip***

Insert right half of chest clip into left half and snap together.



4. ***Tighten Harness***

Pull on harness tightening strap to tighten harness snugly.

NOTE: A snug strap should not allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does not press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

5. ***Check Harness Tightness***

Try to pinch the harness at the shoulders. If you can pinch the harness strap, tighten more. If your fingers slip off, the harness is tight enough.

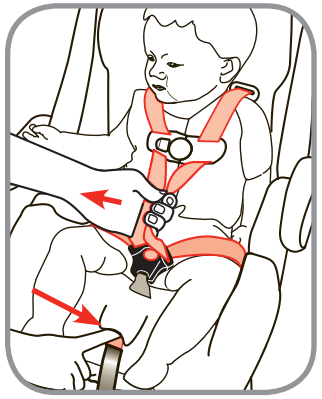
6. ***Position Chest Clip***

The chest clip must be placed at mid-chest (even with armpits) and away from the child's neck.

⚠ WARNING:

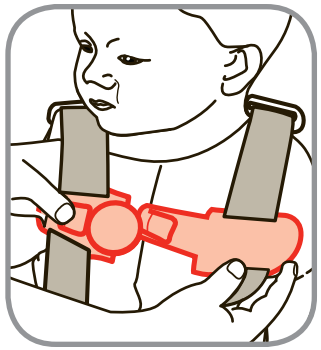
Failure to fasten and tighten the harness system correctly and snugly can result in serious injury or death.

C-4 Removing Child From Child Restraint



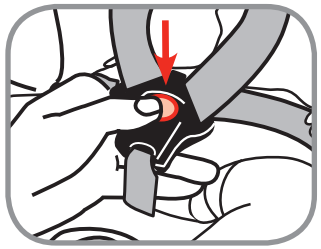
1. ***Loosen Harness***

Press on harness release lever while pulling on harness straps just above the the buckle to loosen.



2. ***Release Chest Clip***

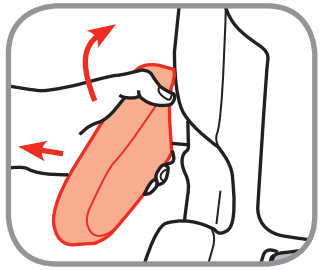
Press on release button and pull apart.



3. ***Unbuckle***

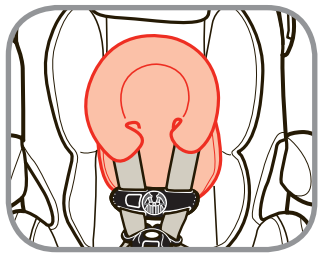
Press red button on buckle to release the buckle tongues. Move harness away from child and remove child.

C-5 Accessories



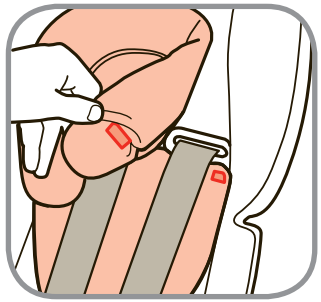
Rotating Armrests

Pull out arm, rotate and lock into place.



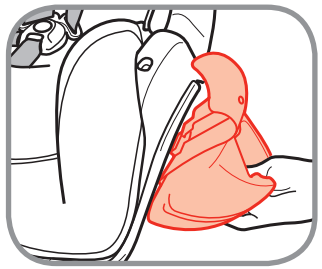
Infant Insert (on select models)

Insert must not cover the infant's face. Remove the insert for older babies and toddlers.



To remove the insert, undo the fastening strips and slide the insert out.

Reverse to replace insert.



Install Cup Holder (on select models)

Pull pad off corner. Hook bottom of cup holder to edge of shell.

Rotate cup holder up until it snaps into the hole on the shell. Replace pad.

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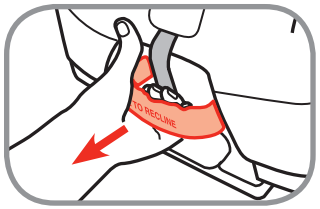
C-6 Reclining Child Restraint

This child restraint has 3 recline positions:

Rear-facing - Recline restraint so that the level lines on shoulder belt-positioning guide are level with ground.

Forward-Facing - **2** Semi-reclined or **3** upright.

NOTE: When forward-facing, the recline position is to be used only to install the child restraint flush against the back of vehicle seat back.



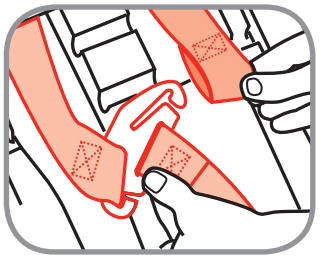
To Recline

Pull out on handle.

For upright position, pull out on handle and position the child restraint upright.

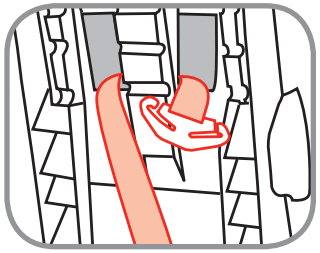
C-7 Removing Harness System

Harness system MUST be removed to use this child restraint as a Belt-Positioning Booster.



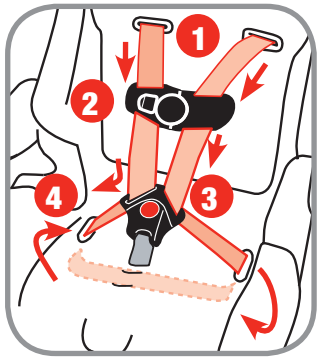
1. ***Remove Harness Straps from Splitter Plate***

Fully loosen harness straps. Locate splitter plate on the back of the seat and unfasten the harness straps.



2. ***Store Splitter Plate***

Raise headrest all the way up. Store splitter plate by pushing it through one opening and out the other.



3. ***Remove Harness Straps***

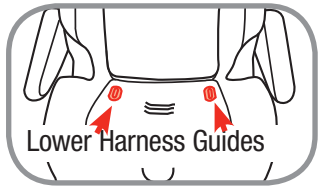
Pull harness through the slots from the front **(1)**.

Unthread harness from the chest clip **(2)**.

Unthread harness from the buckle tongues **(3)**.

Pull harness out of shell **(4)**.

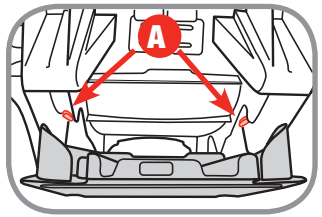
Note: If you are removing the harness to use the child restraint as a belt-positioning booster, skip step 4



4. ***Remove Harness Guides***

Remove both lower harness guides in bottom of seat.

From the back of the seat, locate the lower harness guides that are between the bottom of the seat and base. Remove both lower harness guides **(A)** in bottom of seat.



Push harness guide lip toward outside of shell with one hand while pulling harness guide from the front with the other.

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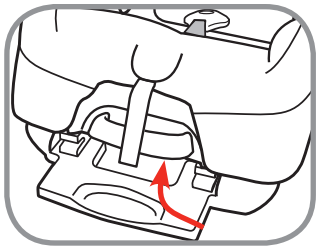
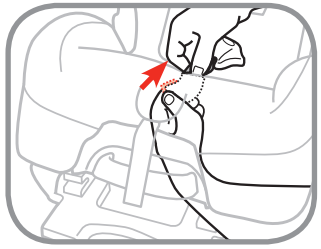


5. ***Locate Buckle's Metal Retainer***

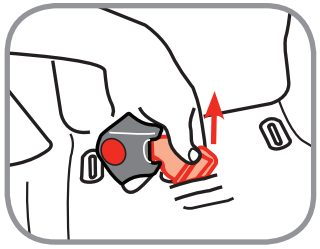
Fully recline the child restraint. Reach under the seat between base and shell.



6. ***Insert Metal Retainer Through Shell and Pad***

Locate buckle's metal retainer under the shell.

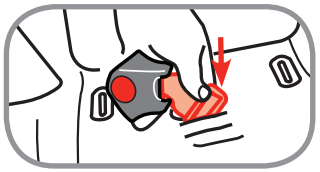
Rotate metal retainer, then insert retainer up through the shell and pad.



7. ***Remove Buckle from Child Restraint***

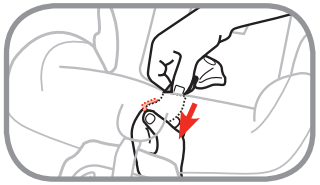
From the top, pull buckle free from shell and pad.

C-8 Installing Harness System

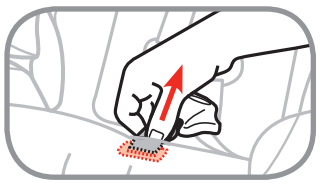


1. ***Install Buckle***

Fit the buckle's metal retainer through the slot in the seat. Red button must face out.

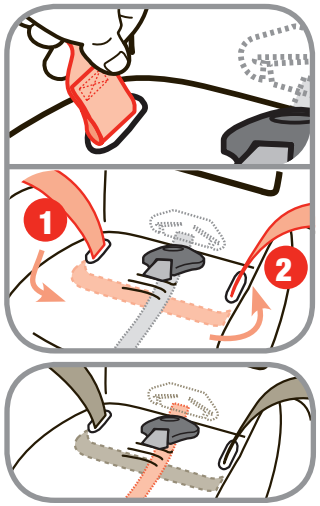


Pull buckle's metal retainer **completely through pad and shell** from bottom of seat.



2. ***Check Buckle***

Pull up on buckle to make sure it is secured. **The buckle must not pull out.**



3. ***Thread Harness Strap***

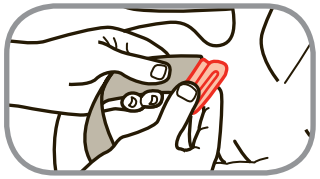
NOTE: For easier assembly, remove the harness guides. See section C-7, step 4.

Thread the harness down through slot on left side of plastic shell **(1)** and up through slot on right side **(2)**.

NOTE: Make sure sewn end of the harness strap loop faces the buckle before starting.

Take both ends of the harness and make them even in length.

NOTE: Make sure harness tightening strap is between the harness strap and shell as shown.



4. ***Thread Harness Guides on Harness Strap***

Slide one harness guide on each harness strap end.

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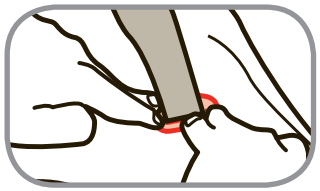
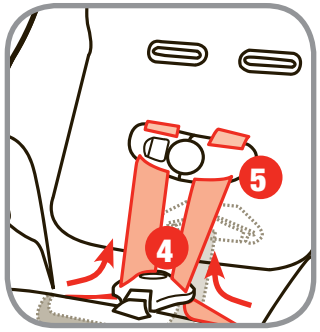
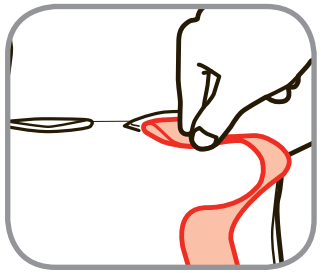


5. ***Secure Harness Guides***

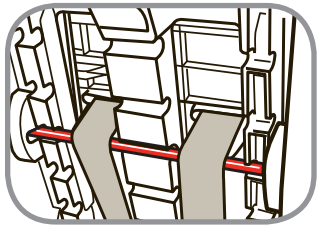
Press harness guides into the holes in the pad and shell.



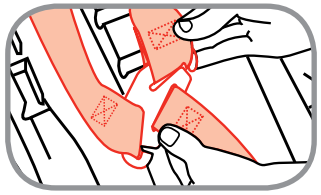
6. Thread harness straps through each buckle tongue **(4)**. Thread the chest clip **(5)**. Do the same to the other harness end. **Do Not twist harness straps.**



7. Push harness ends through slot in headrest. Repeat for the other harness strap.



8. ***Thread Harness OVER Metal Bar***



9. ***Attach Harness Straps to Splitter Plate***

Fit loops on harness ends **completely on** the splitter plate.

⚠ WARNING:

Harness straps MUST be threaded over the metal bar.

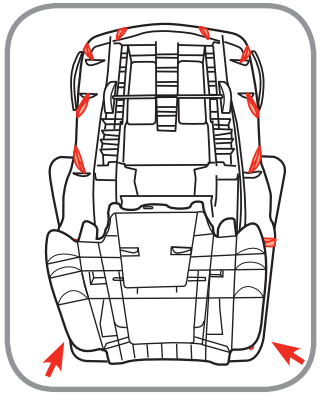
Harness system must be reattached correctly.

Buckle's metal retainer must be completely through pad and shell.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

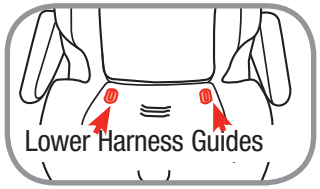
C-9 Removing Seat Pad for Cleaning

You must remove the harness system to remove the pad.



1. ***Remove the Elastic Straps***

Release the elastic straps on the back and under side of the seat.



2. ***Remove Harness Guides***

Remove both lower harness guides in bottom of seat. See section C-7, step 4 to remove the harness guides.

3. ***Remove Seat Pad***

Adjust backrest to lowest position. Pull pad off the top of seat and around headrest. Slip off armrest and headrest pads.

Cleaning Seat Pad

Hand wash pad with warm sudsy water, rinse clean and air dry. Spot clean the harness straps. Do not use bleach or use other harsh cleaners. Do not dry clean.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use child restraint without the seat pad.

Replace seat pad by reversing order; put pad on headrest.

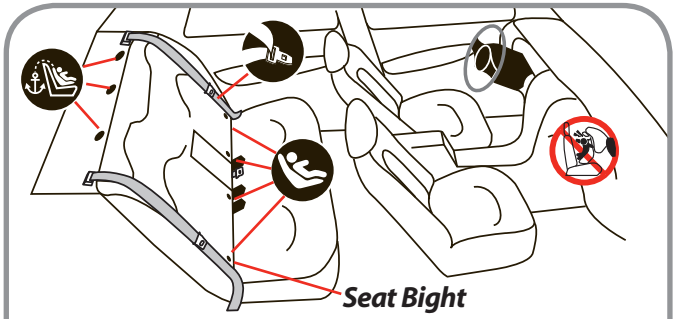
Starting from bottom of child restraint, slip pad on shell; pull harness tightening strap through pad. Make sure pad is under headrest.

Attach all of the elastic straps.

Rethread harness (see section C-9).

D-1 Understanding Your Vehicle

Your vehicle's features may be considerably different than those pictured here. Consult your vehicle owner's manual to help identify your vehicle's specific features and locations.



Anchor Brackets

For Top Anchorage Strap (Tether) (Forward-Facing Only)

Air Bags

Consult your vehicle owner's manual for all air bag locations.

LATCH Anchors

Located in the seat bight.

Vehicle Seat Belts

Consult your vehicle owner's manual for vehicle belt use.

Safety Tip:

To help protect your vehicle seat's upholstery from damage, use a single layered towel underneath and behind child restraint.

To avoid your child being seriously burned, take the following precautions:

1. Park in the shade or where sun does not directly hit the child restraint.
2. Cover the child restraint with a sheet or blanket when not in use.
3. Check for hot seat and buckles before placing child in child restraint.

D-2 Vehicle Seating Position

Some seating positions in your vehicle may not be safe for this child restraint. Some vehicles do not have a seating position that can be used safely with this child restraint. If you are not sure where to place the child restraint in your vehicle, consult your vehicle owner's manual or contact Dorel Juvenile Group Consumer Relations Dept.

⚠ WARNING:

Never place a child rear-facing in a seating position with an active frontal airbag. This can result in serious injury or death.

⚠ WARNING:

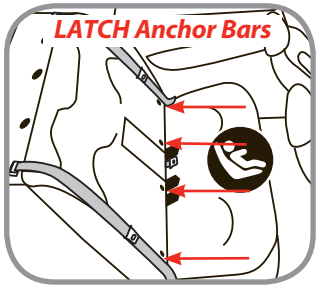
Use the child restraint only on vehicle seats that face forward. Do not use on seats that face the sides or rear of the vehicle.

Safety Tip:

Children are safer when properly restrained in rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration information, children in rear seating positions are statistically safer, whether you have air bags, advanced air bags, or no air bags at all.

D-3 Choosing LATCH or Vehicle Belts

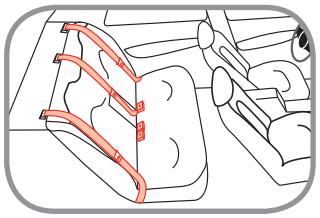


The LATCH System

LATCH (Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren) is a universal system for installing child restraints without using vehicle seat belts.

The LATCH system can ONLY be used in vehicles that have the LATCH anchor bars installed and designated LATCH seating positions. Most vehicles manufactured after September 2002 are equipped with LATCH.

Check your vehicle owner's manual to see which seating positions may be equipped with the LATCH system.



Vehicle Belts

If LATCH is not an option, you must use the vehicle seat belt system to install the child restraint. There are some vehicle belts that will not work with a child restraint or will require special attention.

See next page and check your vehicle's owner's manual for specific instructions.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use both the LATCH belt and vehicle belt at the same time.

D-4 Knowing Your Vehicle Belts

Review your vehicle's owner manual for vehicle seat belt use with child restraints. This is your best source for information concerning your vehicle.

Not all vehicle belts will work with this child restraint. This child restraint must be tightly locked in place at all times, during travel. You must determine if your vehicles belts are compatible with this child restraint.

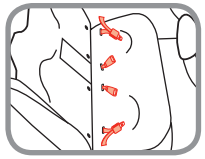
Vehicle Belts

• Automatic/Passive vehicle seat belts

You MUST have a lap belt to install any child restraint. An automatic (passive) shoulder belt may or may not have a separate lap belt. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

• Vehicle belts in center of the door or side panel

You must move the child restraint to another seating location. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

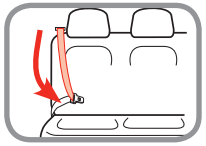


• Vehicle belts that are in front of the seat bight

You may need to move the child restraint to another seating location. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

• ELR (Emergency Locking Retractor) vehicle belts

These lap and shoulder belts only lock in a sudden stop or crash, and do not properly secure a child restraint alone. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.



To learn if you have this type of belt, gently pull the belt all the way out of the retractor (spool), let it return several inches, then pull on it again. If it moves freely, it is an ELR belt. If it is locked and will not allow any more belt to come out, it is a switchable retractor.

If you have an ELR lap and shoulder belt, review the "Vehicle Latch Plate" section to see if you need a locking clip.

⚠ WARNING:

ELR lap-only belts MUST NOT be used with this child restraint.

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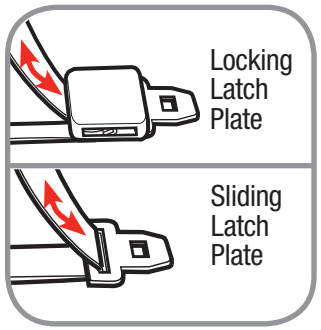
• ***Switchable retractor***

These belts switch from ELR to ALR (Automatic Locking Retractor). You must have the vehicle belts in the locking mode to use them. Follow the instructions in the installation sections.

• ***ALR (Automatic Locking Retractor)***

These belts lock after pulling the webbing out and letting the belt go back into the retractor an inch or two. Follow the instructions in the installation sections.

Vehicle Latch Plates



• ***Check the Latch Plates***

Grasp the tongue portion of the latch plate (the part that goes inside the buckle) and pull straight out, inline with the lap belt. If the latch plate does not slide up and down the vehicle belt, you have a locking latch plate. You should not need to use a locking clip. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

If the latch plate slides up and down on the belt, and you have an ELR retractor, you **MUST** use a locking clip to install the child restraint. You may not need to use the locking clip with a switchable or ALR retractor. Consult your vehicle owner's manual.

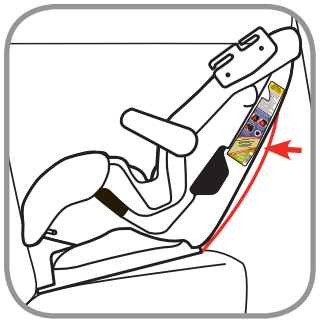
D-5 Using the Locking Clip

A locking clip will not fix all types of seat belt problems. Review section D-4 and your vehicle's owner manual for vehicle seat belt use with child restraints. The locking clip is located on the back of the seat.

Directions below describe installing the child restraint rear-facing. Same steps apply for forward-facing, except install the restraint forward-facing and thread the vehicle belt in the forward-facing belt path.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use both the LATCH belt and vehicle belt at the same time.



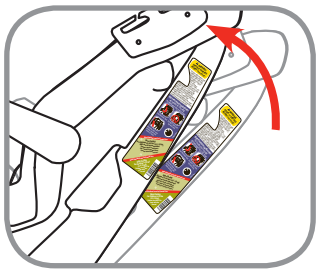
1. ***Place Child Restraint in Vehicle Rear-Facing***

With child restraint in the most reclined position, place child restraint in the back seat.

Check for proper recline.

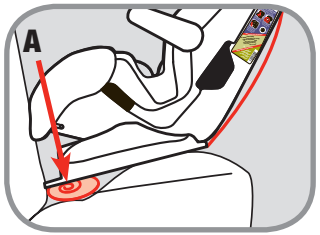
NOTE: Store top anchorage hook (tether) on the base. See section E-1.

For children between 5-22 lbs (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level to ground line MUST be level to the ground.



For children 22-35 lbs (10.1-16 kg) and can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level to ground lines. Start by making the bottom level to ground line level, then rotate seat up. DO NOT rotate past the top most upright level to ground line.

Adjust child restraint if needed.



You may need to place a large rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) **(A)** under the front of the child restraint to help achieve the correct recline. Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the LATCH belt is tight.

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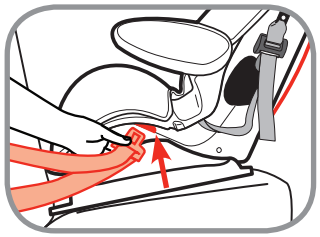
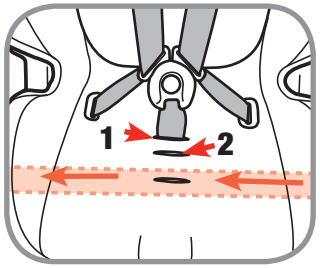


2. *Thread Vehicle Belt*

Thread the vehicle lap/ shoulder belt combination through the rear-facing belt slot.

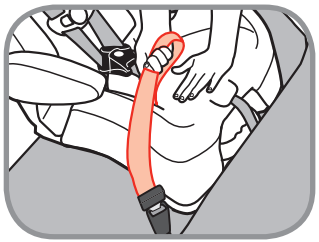


3. *Pull Vehicle Belt Across Child Restraint*

Thread vehicle seat belt **under** pad in front of buckle strap to the opposite side. Buckle vehicle belt.

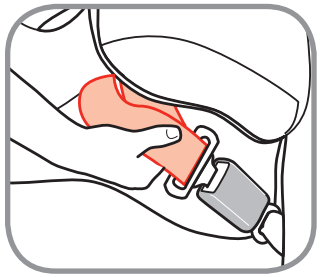
Do not place vehicle belt over child's legs.

NOTE: The buckle **MUST** be in the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear-facing. Any slot can be used for forward-facing.



4. *Tighten Vehicle Belt*

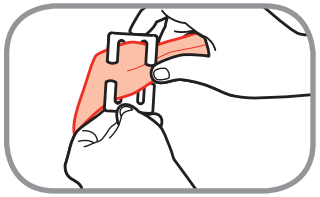
Push down firmly on the child restraint and while pulling on the shoulder belt to tighten.



5. *Locate Locking Clip Location*

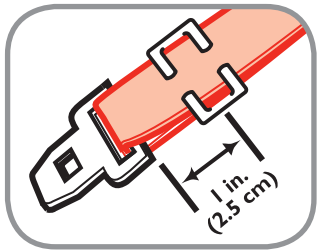
Grasp both vehicle belts together just behind the latch plate and unbuckle.

NOTE: If the latch plate ends up just at the belt path opening, grasp the belts on the opposite side of the child restraint, as close to the latch plate as possible.



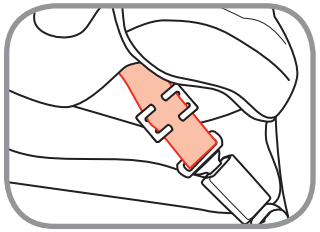
6. *Attach Locking Clip*

Thread both portions of the vehicle belt onto the locking clip, as close to the latch plate as possible.

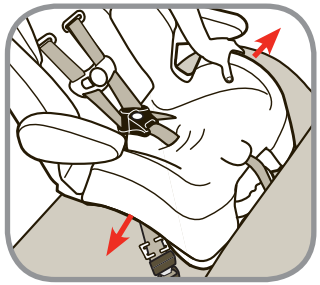


7. *Position Locking Clip*

Position locking clip about 1 in. (2.5 cm) from vehicle belt's latch plate.



8. *Rebuckle Vehicle Belt*



9. *Check Belt Tightness*

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 inch.

NOTE: If it moves more than an inch, redo the steps 5 through 9 again or try another seating location.

Recheck the recline angle to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight. Repeat steps if not reclined correctly.

Remove the locking clip when the seat belt is not being used with a child restraint.

D-6 Installing on Aircraft

This restraint is certified for aircraft use only when used with the internal harness. **This child restraint is NOT certified for use in aircraft when used as a belt-positioning booster, because aircraft seats do not have shoulder belts.**

Use only on forward-facing aircraft seats. Follow instructions for vehicle installation.

Contact the airline their specific policies.

E-1 Preparing to Install Rear-Facing

5-35 lbs (2.3-16 kg) and 19-36 in. (48-91 cm)
Rear-Facing using 5-point harness

LATCH Belt

Lap/Shoulder Belt

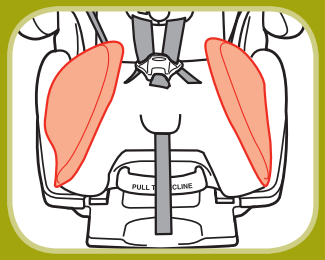
Lap Belt

⚠ WARNING:

Never place a child rear-facing in a seating position with an active frontal airbag. This can result in serious injury or death.

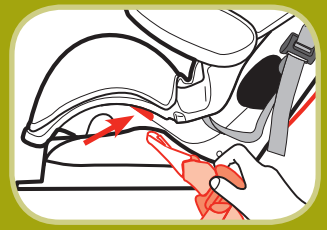
This child restraint must always face the rear of the vehicle and be in the fully reclined position when the child is less than one year old.

E-2 Preparing to Install LATCH Rear-Facing



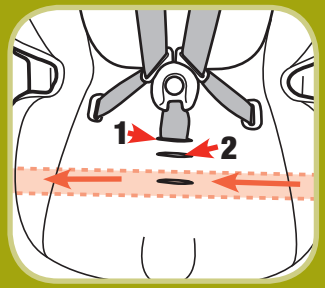
1. ***Pull Pad Off Corners of Child Restraint***

Pull the seat pad off the front corners of shell.



2. ***Routing LATCH Belt***

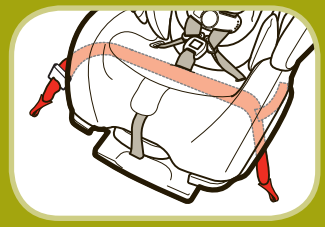
Insert the hook with adjuster through the rear-facing belt path.



3. ***Pull Hook Across to Opposite Side***

Reach under pad and pull the LATCH hook across the shell. LATCH belt **MUST** be under pad and in front of buckle strap.

NOTE: You must use the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear-facing.



4. ***Replace Pad Over Corners***

Make sure the belt is not twisted.

E-3 Install Rear-Facing with LATCH

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use the LATCH system along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt.

Check LATCH belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and securely.

Attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to the base when used rear-facing.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

1. ***Store Top Anchorage Hook (Tether)***

Attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to base as shown. Tighten tether to remove the slack.

Note: Review your vehicle's owner manual for LATCH belt use.

2. ***Fully Recline and Place Child Restraint in the Back Seat Rear-Facing***

For children between 5-22 lbs (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level to ground line MUST be level to the ground.

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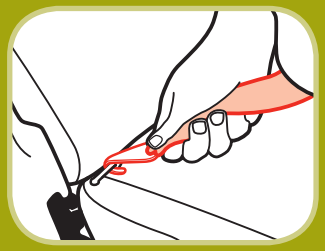
For children 22-35 lbs (10.1-16 kg) and can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level to ground lines. Start by making the bottom level to ground line level, then rotate seat up. DO NOT rotate past the top most upright level to ground line.

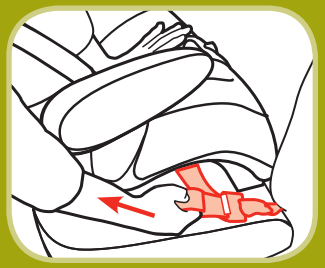
Adjust child restraint if needed.

You may need to place a large rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) (A) under the front of the child restraint to help achieve the correct recline. Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the LATCH belt is tight.



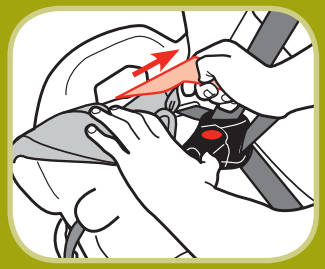
3. *Hook LATCH to Vehicle LATCH Anchor*

Fasten one LATCH belt hook to the anchor in the vehicle seat located in the vehicle seat bight. Repeat for other side of child restraint.

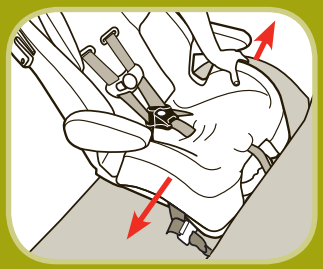


4. *Tighten LATCH Belt*

Push down firmly on the child restraint and pull up on the free end of belt to tighten.



It maybe easier to tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.



5. *Check Belt Tightness*

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 inch.

NOTE: If it moves more than an inch, try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint. Recheck the recline angle to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight. Repeat steps if not reclined correctly.

6. *To Remove LATCH Belt From Vehicle Anchor*

Remove child from child restraint. Press down firmly on adjuster side of child restraint and press release button to release tension. Unhook LATCH from bar by squeezing spring lever and twist hook.

E-4 Install Rear-Facing with Vehicle Belts

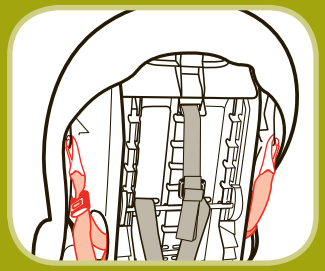
⚠ WARNING:

Do not use the LATCH system along with the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt. Secure LATCH belts when using the vehicle belts.

Check the vehicle belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and securely.

Attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to the base when used rear-facing.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.



1. *Secure LATCH Belts*

You **MUST** fasten the LATCH belt connectors to the side of shell as shown when using the vehicle seat belts.

2. *Store Top Anchorage Hook (Tether)*

Attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to the base as shown. Tighten tether to remove the slack.

Note: Review your vehicle's owner manual for vehicle belt use.

3. *Fully Recline and Place Child Restraint in the Back Seat Rear-Facing*

For children between 5-22 lbs (2.3-10 kg), the bottom level to ground line MUST be level to the ground.

For children 22-35 lbs (10.1-16 kg) and can sit up unassisted, rotate the child restraint between the 2 level to ground lines. Start by making the bottom level to ground line level, then rotate seat up. DO NOT rotate past the top most upright level to ground line.

Adjust child restraint if needed.

You may need to place a large rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) (A) under the front of the child restraint to help achieve the correct recline. Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the LATCH belt is tight.

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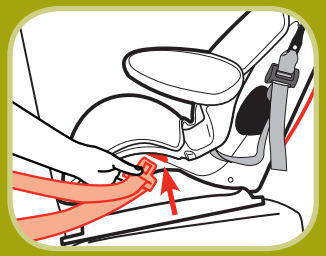
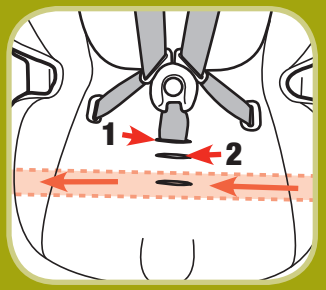


4. *Thread Vehicle Belt*

Thread the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt combination through the rear-facing belt path.

With an ALR blew, pull the belt all the way out before threading the child restraint.



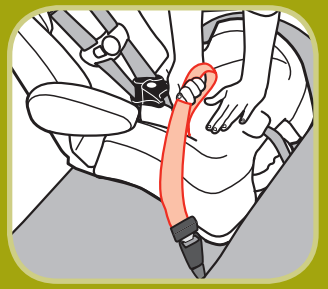
5. *Pull Latch Plate Across to Opposite Side*

Reach under pad and pull the vehicle belt across the shell. Vehicle belt **MUST** be under pad and in front of buckle strap.

Do not place vehicle belt over child's legs.

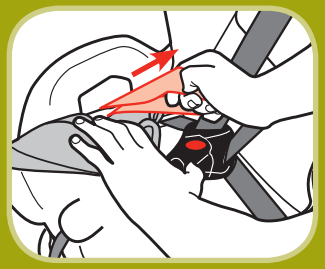
NOTE: You must use the 1st or 2nd buckle strap slots when rear-facing.

Note: Review the section D-4 to determine what kind of vehicle belts you have. Review your vehicle's owner manual for seat belt use.



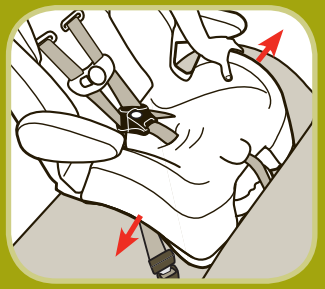
6. *Tighten Vehicle Belt*

Push down firmly on the child restraint and pull on the shoulder belt to tighten.



It maybe easier to tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.

With a switchable retractor, pull the shoulder belt all the way out to switch the retractor into the ALR mode before tightening. Feed the slack back into the retractor while tightening.



7. *Check Belt Tightness*

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 inch.

NOTE: If it moves more than an 1 inch, try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint. Recheck the recline angle to make sure it is reclined according to your child's weight. Repeat steps if not reclined correctly.

F-1 Preparing to Install Forward-Facing

22-50 lbs (10.1-22.6 kg) and 34-45 in. (85.1-114.3 cm) and at least 1 Year Old. Forward-Facing using 5-point harness

LATCH Belt

Lap Belt

Lap/Shoulder Belt

⚠ WARNING:

Never place a child less than one-year old or weighing less than 22 lbs. forward-facing.

Safety Tip:

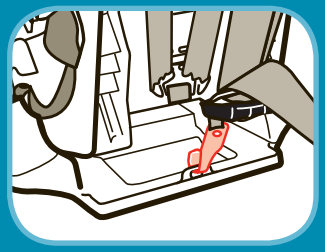
Experts agree that children should remain rear-facing as long as possible. In this child restraint, your child can remain rear-facing up to 35 pounds and up to 36 inches.

F-2 Adjusting Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

The top anchorage strap (tether) is used for the forward-facing position only.

Note: We strongly recommend that you use the top anchorage strap (tether) in the forward-facing position. If your vehicle does not have an anchor bracket, please see your dealer or a qualified mechanic and have one installed. The top anchorage strap can greatly improve the performance of this child restraint.

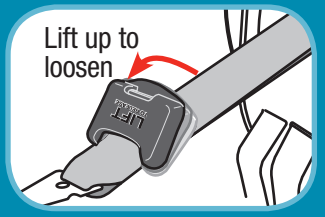
Storage of Top Anchorage Strap:



When the top anchorage strap is not in use, attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to the base as shown. Tighten tether to remove the slack.

To Adjust Top Anchorage Strap (tether):

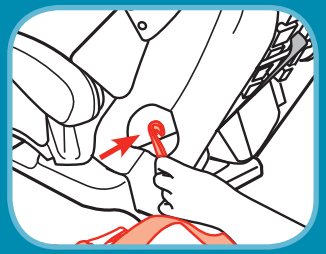
To tighten; After the child restraint is locked into place with LATCH or vehicle belt, put knee in child restraint and push down. Pull on free end of top anchorage strap.



To loosen; Lift up on top anchorage lock and push lock toward top anchorage hook.

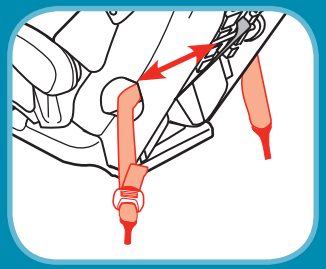
F-3 Preparing to Install LATCH Forward-Facing

Note: Pull the LATCH belt out of the rear-facing belt path if you have used this child restraint rear-facing.



1. *Routing LATCH Belt*

Insert the hook that has the adjuster closest to it, through the forward-facing belt path.



2. *Thread LATCH Across*

Pull the LATCH hook across the back and out the other side as shown. Do not twist the belt.

F-4 Install Forward-Facing With LATCH

Note: Review your vehicle's owner manual for LATCH belt use.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use the LATCH system along with the vehicle belt.

Check LATCH belt before each use. Use only if the belt can be tightened properly and securely.

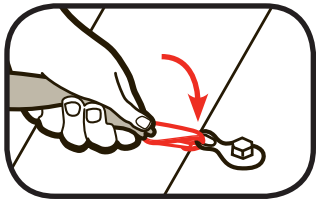
Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

1. *Place Child Restraint in the Back Seat Forward-Facing*

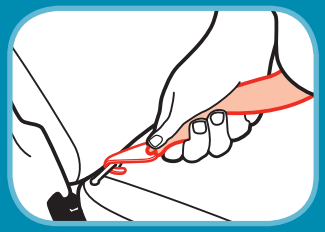
Place child restraint **flush** against the vehicle seat back **forward-facing**.

Only use the recline position to install the child restraint flush against the back of the vehicle seat.

Installation Tip:

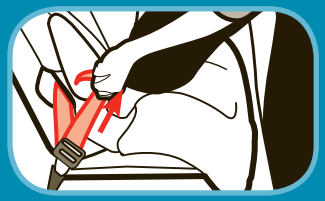


Loosely attach the tether hook before attaching the LATCH belt. Consult vehicle's owner manual for specific location.



2. *Hook LATCH to Vehicle Anchor*

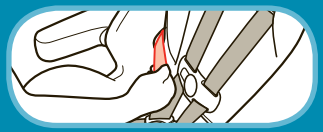
Fasten one LATCH belt hook to the anchor in the vehicle seat bight. Repeat for other side of child restraint.



3. *Tighten LATCH Belt*

Place knee in the child restraint. Push down firmly while pulling up on the loop to tighten belt.

It maybe easier to tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.



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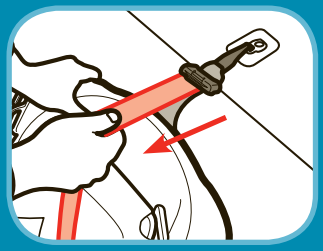
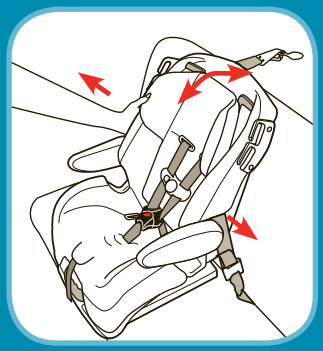


4. ***Tighten Top Anchorage Strap***

Push firmly on the back of the seat and tighten top anchorage strap.



5. ***Check Belt Tightness***

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 inch.

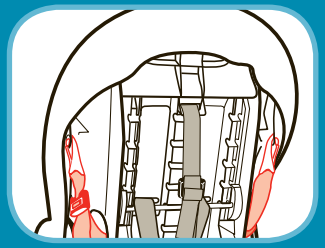
NOTE: If it moves more than an 1 inch, try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint.

6. ***To Remove LATCH Belt From Vehicle Anchor***

Press down firmly on adjuster side of child restraint and press release button to release tension. Unhook LATCH from bar by squeezing spring lever and twist hook.

F-5 Install Forward-Facing With Vehicle Belts



1. You **MUST** fasten the LATCH belt hooks together behind seat when using the vehicle seat belts.

⚠ WARNING:

Do not use the LATCH system along with the vehicle belt. Secure LATCH belts when using the vehicle belts.

Check the vehicle belt before each use. Use only if the belt is tightened properly and securely.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.

Note: Review the section D-4 to determine what kind of vehicle belts you have. Review your vehicle's owner manual for seat belt use.

2. ***Place Child Restraint in Vehicle Forward-Facing***

Place child restraint **flush** against the back of the vehicle seat **forward-facing** in the back seat.

The recline position is to be used only to install the child restraint flush against the back of the vehicle seat.

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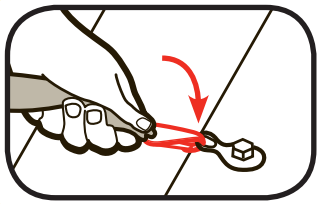
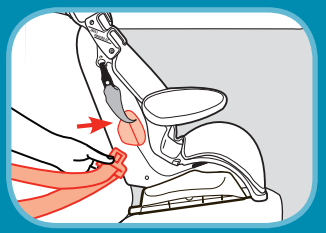
Installation Tip:

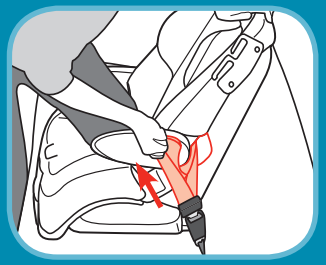


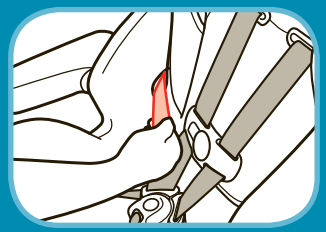
Loosely attach the tether hook before threading the vehicle belt. Consult vehicle's owner manual for specific location.



3. *Thread Vehicle Belt*

Thread the vehicle lap or lap/shoulder belt combination through the forward-facing belt slot and out the other side. Buckle vehicle belt.



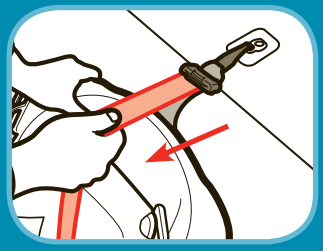


4. *Tighten Vehicle Belt*

Push down firmly on the child restraint and pull on the shoulder belt or lap belt adjuster to tighten.

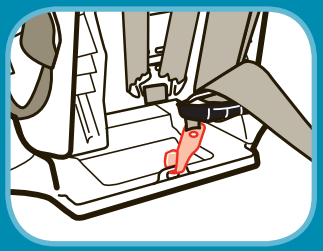
It maybe easier to tighten the belt through the belt path opening as shown.

With a switchable retractor, pull the shoulder belt all the way out to switch the retractor into the ALR mode before tightening. Feed the slack back into the retractor while tightening.

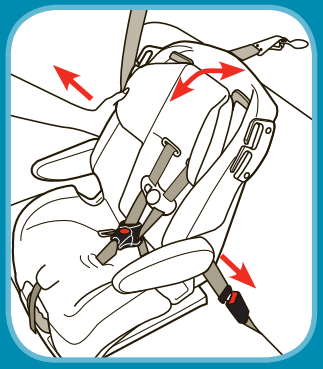


5. *Tighten Top Anchorage Strap*

Push firmly on the back of the seat and tighten top anchorage strap.



NOTE: If you are not using the top anchorage strap (tether), attach the hook to the base as shown. Tighten tether to remove the slack.



6. *Check Belt Tightness*

Grasp the child restraint at the belt path with one hand. Push and pull the child restraint from side to side, forward and back. The child restraint should not move more than 1 inch.

NOTE: If it moves more than an 1 inch, try reinstalling the child restraint or try another seating location.

Secure your child in the child restraint.

G-1 Preparing Belt-Positioning Booster

40-100 lbs (18.1-45.4 kg) and 43-52 in. (110.1-132.1 cm) and Over 1 Year Old. Belt-positioning booster using only vehicle lap/shoulder belt.

Lap/Shoulder Belt

You **MUST** remove the harness system (C-8) to use this seat as a belt-positioning booster. **DO NOT** remove the base.

⚠ WARNING:

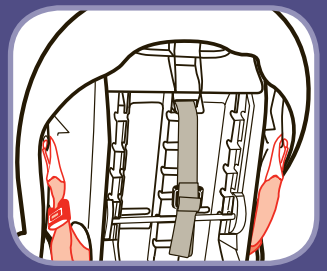
Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat.

Do not use the LATCH belts or top anchorage strap (tether) when using as a belt-positioning booster.

Secure both LATCH and top anchorage strap.

Do not use the harness system when using as a belt-positioning booster.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death.



Store Latch Belts

Fasten the LATCH belt hooks together behind seat.

Store Top Anchorage Strap (Tether)

Attach the top anchorage hook (tether) to the the base as shown. Tighten tether to remove the slack.

G-2 Installing Using the Lap and Shoulder Belts

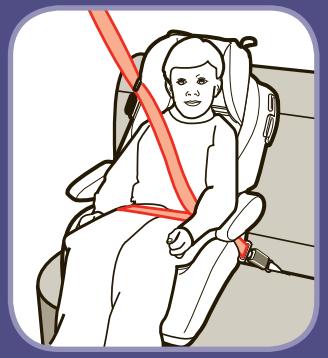
You **DO NOT** use a locking clip when using this seat as a belt-positioning booster.

1. ***Place Child Restraint Forward-Facing in Vehicle***

Place child restraint in the back seat, **flush** against the back of the vehicle seat.

2. ***Place Child in Seat***

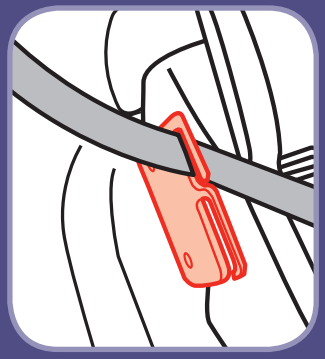
Child should sit with its back and bottom flat against the back of the child restraint.



3. ***Buckle Lap and Shoulder Belt***

Lap belt should cross the child's thighs. The shoulder belt should lay snugly across the center of the child's shoulders and across the chest (not on the face or neck). Both belts should be under the armrest.

Pull up on the shoulder belt to tighten.



4. ***Position Shoulder Belt***

To help position the shoulder belt, you may need to secure the shoulder belt through one of the notches in the shoulder belt-positioning guide.

Check periodically to ensure your child has not moved out of position and loosened the shoulder belt.

⚠ WARNING:

Use only the vehicle's lap and shoulder belt system when restraining the child in this booster seat.

Do Not Use only the lap belt when using this seat as a belt-positioning booster.

The shoulder belt must always be adjusted snugly across the child's chest.

NEVER place the shoulder belt under the child's arms.

Failure to follow these warnings can result in serious injury or death to your child.

Trouble Shooting

1. If the child restraint buckle or harness release lever sticks or you cannot get the straps tight enough around child: DO NOT LUBRICATE. Check around lever and retractor for dropped food, sticky spilled drinks, dirt, leaves, etc. Clean with warm water and/or remove object with tweezers. If you cannot get the harness to adjust and remain tight with the buckle securely locked, do not use the child restraint.

2. If your harness twists: Straighten the harness each time you put your child in the seat to help prevent twisting. Lock the buckle and tighten harness and it will be ready for next use.

3. If your infant sits too upright in the rear-facing position: If your vehicle seat slopes so much that your infant is sitting upright, you may place a rolled towel(s) or foam pool noodle(s) under the front of the child restraint so that the level line on the shoulder belt-positioning guide is level (horizontal). Check often to be sure padding is still in place and the vehicle belt is tight.

⚠ WARNING:

Using padding that tilts the base of the child restraint farther back than the level-to-ground line can result in serious injury or death.

4. Locate a Child Safety Seat Inspection Station for hands on training on how to use your child restraint: Visit your local Child Passenger Inspection Station or go to http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cps/cpsfitting/index.cfm to find your closest station.

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Replacement Parts Order Form

Complete the form below. Your model number with color code and manufacturer date code MUST be included on the form to ensure proper replacement parts. Your model number with color code and the date code can be found on a sticker on the side of child restraint. Payment in U.S. dollars must accompany your order. Choose parts needed from the list on the next page.

Return the form with payment to:

Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc.
Consumer Relations Department
P.O. Box 2609
Columbus, IN 47202-2609

Fax orders to: 1-800-207-8182
Please make money orders payable to Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. Fill in the area below to charge to Visa or Mastercard. We do not accept personal checks or Discover Card. All outside of U.S. and Canada MUST use credit card.

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We MUST have this information to process your order:
Model Number (5 digits & 3 letters): _____
Manufacture Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

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Replacement Parts List

NOTE: If requested color is not available, similar color will be substituted. Prices are subject to change.

Part	Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Buckle Strap/Buckle	$4.99	X _____	= $ _____
Harness Strap	$2.00	X _____	= $ _____
Pad Set	$35.99	X _____	= $ _____
Chest Clip	$1.50	X _____	= $ _____
Locking Clip	$2.50	X _____	= $ _____
Tether Kit	$9.99	X _____	= $ _____
Latch Kit	$24.99	X _____	= $ _____
Instructions	$0.00	X _____	= $ _____

Merchandise Total **$** _____

Shipping and handling: $

Up to $25.00	$5.95	$100.01 to $150.00	$10.95
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$75.01 to $100.00	$9.95		

Outside Continental USA $10.00

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